H & R BLOCK HAS NEW LYNCHBURG MANAGER -NEW OFFICE APPEARANCE

Garnett H. Walker, of Forest, has been appointed to the post of City Manager for Lynchburg, Madison Heights, Altavista, Appomattox and surrounding areas by H & R Block, the nation's largest income tax preparation services of H & R Block. H & R Block currently has five offices in this area.

A graduate of Averett College, with a B.S. degree in Business Management, Walker stated he was first attracted to a career in income tax preparation after he completed the firm's Income Tax School which is held annually in more than 2,000 communities across the nation.

Since accepting his position with H & R Block in June, Walker has devoted his energy in preparation for the start of the tax filing season. "All of our local offices have been remodeled or relocated", stated Walker. "I feel that the offices are conveniently located, efficient and provide the atmosphere needed for the important task of tax preparation", said Walker.

"In addition to our offices, our personnel have also have prepared for the start of the tax filing season. Since September, our tax preparers have attended H & R Block conducted classes and seminars to acquaint themselves with the new tax laws and forms", said the new City Manager.

In response to his appointment, Walker said he feels that H & R Block "has a responsibility to the public to offer a thorough, accurate and courteous tax preparation service. We intend to do that here."

YULE CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Peace Missior Parish recently celebrated Christmas with parishoner, Vincent Langlois, dressed as the Spirit of Saint Nicholas. As he walked among the people, he distributed small silver crosses to the children of the parish.

Father William Dinga, who officiated at the mass every Sunday at 3 p.m., wrote a song about the Christ Child, which he sang accompanied by guitar.

Several children displayed their talent on musical instruments. Others made a Christmas banner proclaiming, "And the Word Was Made Flesh."

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

A morning cannot be all bad when the first thing you see when you look out the window is a Red Cardinal having breadfast at your bird feeder.

Often lately the first thing hear in the morning in the way of news is the annoucement . . . "no school today."

Chances are the first thing you read in the morning is the weather report.

Perhaps the first thing you may say in the morning is "see if the car will start and defrost the windshield."

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Thanks to our power company for keeping interruptions of current at a minimum. And thanks to all who have contributed to our survival during winter weather.

Saturday morning saw two young men walk through Martha Street carrying sleighs. Appomattox does not have top areas for sleighs or ice skating that are easily accessible.

Received three nursery and seed catalogs in one day. According to one, the floribunda rose of the year, 1978 is Charisma, a combination of fiery red and golden yellow.

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The General Assembly of Virginia is in session. Someone made a check of the church affiliation of the members and found that there are 26 Methodists, 23 Baptists, 23 Episcopalians, 12 Presbyterians, 9 Roman Catholics, 5 Jewish, 4 Disciples of Christ, 2 Greek Orthodox, 2 Unitarians, 1 Quaker.

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Years ago the late Rev. H. Frederick Jones, while pastor at Liberty Baptist Church, gave me a small book entitled, "What Every Writer Should Know." Packed with practical information about grammar, style, punctuation, spelling, etc. Example: counties with same names but different spelling. There is Allegany county in Maryland and New York, Alleghany in North Carolina and Virginia, and Allegheny in Pennsylvania, Bulloch county in Georgia, Bullock in Alabama, Burnet in Texas, Burnett in Wisconsin. Clarke county in Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Mississippi, Virginia and Washington, but elsewhere is is Clark. Dickenson county in Virginia, Dickinson county in Michigan, Green county in Kentucky and Wisconsin; all others, including Virginia, it is Greene. Lenoir county in Virginia. Smyth county in Virginia; all others Smith. Same for county names not found in Virginia. Davidson county in North Carolina and Tennessee; Davison county in North Dakota. Coffee county in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee; Coffey in Kansas. Cook in Illinois and Minnesota; Cooke in Texas. Stanley county in South Dakota; Stanly in North Carolina. Stark in Illinois, North Dakota and Ohio; Starke in Indiana. Storey in Nevada; Story in Iowa. Andrew in Maine; Andrews in Texas. Barber in Kansas; Barbour in Alabama and West Virginia. Plus many others. It took a long time to get agreement on how to spell Appomattox. I have found it advisable to get the correct spelling of names as soon as convenient after meeting someone. John Smith may spell his name Jon Smythe. Sally may prefer to spell her name Sallye. Billy may be Billye Jo. I grant you the privilege of spelling your name any way you desire, but it is nice to know. Loyd and Sara Vaughn, or Lloyd and Sarah Vaughan. If last name is Robinson, but there are fine folks named Robertson, Robison, Robson. Some change their names. When I met Brightleaf, her name was Patteson, not Patterson, but to make sure, I changed it to Robinson. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

THE FIRST MEASURABLE SNOWFALL of the winter hit Appomattox during the night of Thursday, January 12th, causing hazardous driving conditions and brining about the closing of schools in the county. A severe winter storm warning is in effect for the most part of this week.

American Federal S & L Assets Increased In 1977

Assets of American Federal increased to $121,780,000 at year-end,1977.

It was a year of record growth, characterized by strong savings gains and a high level of mortgage lending activity according to Jack T. Cosby, president of the association.

In a review of 1977 results to directors, Mr. Cosby stated that savings deposits increased by more than $16,845,000 and that total mortgage loans made amounted to $25,979,000 for a net gain of $15,501,000.

Mr. Cosby said that the past year had been one of tremendous activity in the residential real estate market and that the recovery in home building had been the main source of strength and the American economy.

Looking ahead to 1978, Mr. Cosby said that savings flows will continue to be favorable, although savings gains might be somewhat less than 1977. "At the same time, he said, the demand for mortgage funds will continue to be strong; quite clearly, most Americans are convinced that a home represents the best 'hedge' against inflation."

Mr. Cosby said that the association was entering 1978 in a strong financial position and expressed gratitude to the directors, officers and staff, and especially to the members and customers to whose service we remain dedicated.

LOCAL RESCUE SQUAD TO GIVE CPR COURSE

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad will sponsor a class in CPR, one night only, on Wednesday, January 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at the rescue squad building.

Four or five CPR instructors will be available to teach this class so 20 to 25 persons may take the class on this night.

The knowledge of CPR is valuable - you may be able to save a life if you can give CPR. Take advantage of this class, come on out January 25.

GLADSTONE TO HAVE CPR CLASS

A CPR Class will be held Monday, January 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Gladstone Rescue Squad on Route 60 in Gladstone.

The public is invited to attend.

CANCER UNIT TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Board of Directors of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society will meet Monday night, January 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch.

The meeting had been planned for January 16, but was postponed due to weather conditions.

JEAN LEGRAND NAMED LOAN OFFICER

JAN. 12 - Mrs. Jean LeGrand has been named a loan officer at Fidelity American Bank's Appomattox office. Announcement of the promotion was made by Twyman Coleman, chairman, and Floyd E. Eggleston, Fidelity vice president and manager.

A native of Appomattox, Mrs. LeGrand was graduated from Appomattox High School. She was employed by Fidelity in 1951 and has been associated with the loan area of the bank since 1957.

Mrs. LeGrand is a member of Liberty Baptist Church where she serves as assistant secretary in the Sunday school department.

She and her husband, Walter H. LeGrand, have two children, Mrs. Jean LeGrand Moore and Susan Renee.

DEADLINE FOR LICENSES JANUARY 31, 1978

January 31, 1978 is the deadline for State and County **business licenses**, mobile home licenses, and dog tags, according to Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County.

For the convenience of citizens of the county, the office of the Treasurer will be open Saturday, January 28th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

AMS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPT. TO BEGIN CLASSES IN FARM MECHANICS REPAIR

The Agricultural Education Department of the Middle School will begin classes for those persons interested in repairing or building items for the farm or home. Classes will begin January 24 and continue through April 27.

The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m., and will meet in the shop at the Middle School.

An enrollment fee of $5.00 will be collected the night of registration. Persons may register at anytime during the duration of the class from January to April.

TOWN OF APPOMATTOX EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO "DICK" BASS

The Town of Appomattox has gone on record expressing their deep appreciation to R. L. "Dick" Bass for his more than thirty years service as an active member of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department.

In a letter dated January 7, 1978, "Dick" submitted his resignation as a member of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department effective January 1, 1978. The resignation came about due to reasons of health and business demands.

In his letter, Bass said, "To all parties concerned, Town of Appomattox, County of Appomattox, Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department and citizens of Appomattox County and Town, it has been a privilege, pleasure and honor to have served this wonderful community for over thirty (30) years as a member.

"I would like to thank all the governing bodies, law enforcement officers, business establishments and citizens for their full support to this wonderful organization over all the years."

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Appomattox regretfully accepted the resignation of Bass and said they are more than aware of the fact that they are losing a dedicated fireman, one who has served in every capacity of the fire department during his years of service.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SEN. ANDERSON

Senaor Howard P. Anderson, January 13th, introduced a Senate Joint Resolution establishing the Virginia Agricultural Opportunities Commission, which sets forth the essentials for the preservation of the industry of agriculture, and in order to aid such preservation, this Commission, hopefully, will be able to identify new and expanded production and marketing opportunities for farm products and to recommend a course of action that will promote the development of the opportunities so identified.

School Board Accepts Vocational Ed Plan

The Appomattox County School Board, at its regular meeting last Wednesday, adopted a vocational education plan for the school division for the period 1979 through 1983.

For the 1978-79 school session the vocational education program for students will remain the same as during the present session. However, preliminary planning will begin for the renovation and completion of the basement area of the Appomattox County High School. It is anticipated that federal and state money will be available within the next three years to cover 55 percent of the cost of the project.

With this basement area of the building completed, industrial arts will be added to the curriculum for ninth and tenth grade students and appropriate facilities will be available for ornamental horticulture, clothing construction and agricultural machinery.

In other business the school board reviewed a report which projects student enrollment for the school division for 1978-79 at 2791.

This is a decrease of 20 students from the present session. Therefore, additional personnel in the regular program will not be needed. However, there may be a need for additional personnel to provide services for students with handicapping conditions.

With attention focussed on plans for the 1978-79 session, the board discussed the proposed budget of the State Board of Education and its impact upon the local school system. The state budget proposes an increase in the expenditure per pupil in the basic school aid fund of $905, up from the $835 this year.

In planning for the local school budget for 1978-79, the board expressed a desire to develop a budget which will support continued progress of the instructional program, provide for adequate maintenance and operation of the system and include reasonable salary increases for all employees.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled Friday, Feb. 10, 1978 at 3 p.m.

Miss Knapp Will Speak At Meeting Of Garden Club

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet Monday evening, January 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Miss Karen Knapp, Westvaco Representative, who will talk about "Trees and a Woman's World."

Miss Knapp received her graduate degree in Forestry from West Virginia University and has been working with Westvaco in Appomattox for the past three years.

The Artistic Exhibit for the meeting will be "Design using pine, driftwood, and/or other related materials."

All members will want to be

present at this most interesting and informative meeting.

Two Va. BCIA Bull Sales Scheduled In January

Some 135 completely performance tested bulls will sell at auction at the Virginia BCIA bull test stations in January. On Saturday, January 21, at 12:00 noon, the 100 Angus, 22 Polled Herefords, 3 Herefords, 1 Charolais, and 5 Simmentals will sell at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises located 4 miles south of Culpeper, Virginia on U. S. Route 29. The following Sat., Jan. 28, at 12 noon, 70 bulls (35 Angus, 30 Polled Herefords, and 5 Simmentals) will sell at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center located 4 miles west of Red House, Virginia on Rt. 615. Red House is just south of Appomattox, Va.

The bulls in each of these sales have been performance tested at the Culpeper and Red House central bull testing stations operated by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association, which is headquartered at Agnew Hall, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, Va. 24061. This is the 20th year that bull tests and sales have been operated at Culpeper and the 6th year at Red House.

The bulls selling in these two sales are service age and are completely performance tested. Sale catalogs provide complete records including weaning weight and ratio, 140 day test gain and ratio, adjusted yearling weight and ratio, yearling height, fat thickness, frame and muscle scores.

The manager for the sales is the Virginia Angus Association, Vernon Kindig, Executive Secretary, 909 Landonia Circle, Charlottesville, Va. 22901. Catalogs are mailed on request. Contact the sale manager to request catalogs. Co-sponsor of the sales is the Virginia Beef Cattle Association, Reggie Reynolds, Secretary, Box 176, Daleville, Va. 24083.

All cattlemen are invited to the sales and to visit the test stations at anytime prior to the sales. The manager at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises is William Henshaw. The manager of the Red House Bull Evaluation Center is James Bennett.

A special effort is being made at both stations to provide reasonably priced delivery service for purchased bulls. Purchased bulls may also be left at the test stations for later pick-up.

Opposition Halts Curfew Proposals In Appomattox

DR. S. R. LAWSON, left above, was elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County at its organizational meeting on Friday. J. M. Cobb, Jr., center, was elected Vice Chairman, and on the right is Otho Martin, Jr., the third member of the board. Lawson represents Southside District, Cobb represents Clover Hill District and Martin is the representative for Stonewall District.

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors delayed action Friday on the proposed curfew and loitering ordinances for Appomattox County when opposition emerged at the meeting.

After opposition was voiced at a public hearing, the supervisors asked W. S. Kerr, commonwealth's attorney, to develop a new curfew ordinance.

According to the clerk of the board, Tommy Lawson, W. M. Abbitt, Watkins Abbitt, T. E. Sonny Conner, Rev. James Becker, Roland Murphy, Bill Britton, Virginia Babcock, Delana Barksdale and Richard Martin opposed both proposed ordinances. They felt that something should be done but thought this was the wrong approach.

The supervisors will examine the new loitering ordinance and the new curfew ordinance after they are prepared by the Commonwealth's Attorney.

In other business Friday, Dr. S. R. Lawson was elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Jim Cobb was elected Vice Chairman. The other board member is Otho Martin, Jr.

The board set the second Friday in each month at 9 a.m. in the Clerk's Office as the date and place for monthly meetings of the board.

The Emergency Operations Plan, prepared by W. R. Britton, Jr., Emergency Services Civil Defense Coordinator for the county, was adopted by the supervisors.

Adult Education Classes To Start

Registration for Second Semester Adult Education classes will start this week and will continue until January 31. Adults who are interested and who want to participate in classes that are being offered the second semester by the Appomattox County School Division are requested so register now by calling 352-8283 between the hours of 8:30 - 5:00 or by mailing in a registration form. Please look at the class schedule located elsewhere in this issue of the Times-Virginian for information concerning classes offered.

"It is very important that persons pre-register for classes," states R. B. Carter, Coordinator of Adult Education. "Pre-registration enrollments are used to determine whether enrollment is sufficient to offer a particular class. An enrollment of ten persons is required for a class to be offered."

Persons who desire information concerning an adult class are requested to contact the School Board Office by calling 352-8253.

Tips To Prepare For Winter Storms

Because of the severe winter storm that is threatening this area in times to come, the Appomattox County Emergency Service Coordinator, W. R. Britton, Jr., advises residents of the county to prepare themselves to be without electricity by having emergency drinking water supply available, to have back-up heating systems (like wood stoves or systems that do not use electricty).

If you do not have these systems, try to make arrangements to stay with someone who does.

If possible, equip yourself with battery operated radios so that you may be informed about local situations.

The emergency number to call if you need assistance is 352-8241.

County Flag Contest Extented

On October 14, 1977 the Appomattox Council of Extension Homemakers met with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the idea of having a County Fag designed. With the approval of the Supervisors, a county-wide contest was sponsored by the Council for the design of the flag, according to Mrs. Katie Martin of the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers.

The deadline for the design entries was originally set as December 31, 1977. However, due to bad weather, the closing of schools for the Christmas holidays and much illness in the county, the date for the entries

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Jr. Woman's Club Collects For Mother's March

Members of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, along with Appomattox County High School FBLA students, will be out collecting for the Mother's March of Dimes during the month of January.

They urge everyone to give to this worthy cause.

Attending the Zone 3 meeting of the Appomattox District of Ruritan National were, left to right, Cade Holliday, Past District Governor; James E. Yeattes, Past District Governor; Horace W. Coleman, Jr., Zone Governor; Joseph S. Weakley, District Governor; Francis W. Andrews, District Treasurer; and Billy Seay, Past District Governor.

Appomattox District Ruritans National Held Meeting

Zone 3 of the Appomattox District, Ruritans National, met January 7 at the Weyanoke Hotel in Farmville.

In attendance were representatives from Ruritan Clubs in Buckingham, Cartersville, Charlotte Court House, Cumberland, Keysville, Oakville, Pamplin, and Prince Edward.

The District Governor's Cabinet was represented by District Governor Joseph S. Weakley, District Treasurer Francis W. Andrews, and past District Governors Willam P. Seay, A. Cade Holliday, and James E. Yeattes.

The meeting was conducted by Zone Governor Horace W. Coleman, Jr. of the Pamplin Club.

A dinner was served and a presentation was made by each member of the Cabinet, letting the club representatives know of the District plans for 1978.

There were a total of 34 persons present.